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Title : PAINT SPRAY ZONE FOR ROTARY :
 ATOMIZATION OF PARTICULATE PAINTS :

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 AND 1.98(d)

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Applicant wishes to note that the previous copending applications are Serial No.: 09/271,477 which was filed on March 17, 1999 and Serial No. 09/769,707 which was filed January 25, 2001. An Information Disclosure Statement was filed in Application Serial No. 09/271,477 on March 17, 1999, whereby copies of the following patents were then provided to the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

As stated in the earlier Information Disclosure Statement none of these items discloses the inventive concepts claimed in the subject application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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